



**ANIMAL PROTECTION & CONTROL  
ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2003**

**In Attendance:**

Greg Ellison  
Ed Anderson  
Dr Liz Grauer  
Shirley Malar  
Carol Williams  
Pat Jollota

**Staff:**

**Note taker**  
Teri Wilson

**I. Call to Order:**

Carol Williams called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. The meeting was delayed for a quorum.  
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**II. Reading & Approval of the minutes:**

The minutes were approved with a correction to page two in the second paragraph the call was from the American Kennel Club.

**III. Orders of the Day**

**Worksessions:**

There does not seem to be any feedback regarding the increase in licensing fees so far. A public hearing will be October 7, 2003, at 10:00 AM in the commissioners' Hearing Room to consider amendment of the Clark County pet license fees.

**Code Review:**

There was a discussion on the code definitions. The discussion was on whether to clarify some of the more broadly defined codes such as the ones referencing contagious diseases, and threatening Behavior. The general consensus was that the code, though it is somewhat broad, is

effective the way it is written. The review of the dangerous dog label was tabled at this time and there was not any feedback heard on the Hobby Cateries.

### **Pacific NW Animal Care & Control Conference**

Tim reported on the conference. The theme seemed to be on Community based solutions and whether there is a pet overpopulation problem or more of an unwanted pet population.

See the statistical survey.

The group discussed the survey that seemed to focus on animal shelters. The members exchanged ideas on getting the survey out to rescue groups possibly by email. The group also discussed the numbers and how to interpret them as different agencies count statistics differently. One idea was to publish it on the website with an explanation of how to report it. The group also talked about getting the surveys out to the veterinary clinics. The idea is to get the real numbers of adoptions and euthanasias in the community. The shelter is now tracking the microchips and this should also help.

Dr. Liz Grauer volunteered to get the surveys out by email to the different rescue groups.

### **No More Homeless Pet Coalition**

The group is starting to break up in subcommittees and are working on their mission statement.

They are working towards the goal of obtaining the maddies grant. Tim reported that Maracopa County has been successful in obtaining the grant thus far.

The Spay Neuter grant program started out very generous. There was a problem with one of the recipients showing proof of insurance. The County requires proof of insurance to go with the existing indemnification clause. The clause essentially mandates that the recipients have insurance. Some groups have an issue with the insurance so the board reluctantly may not be able to enter into a contract with one.

## **IV. Public Forum**

Rick Collard presented the Shelter Statistics. Rick reported about a nineteen- percent increase on animals reclaimed by their owners. There was a reported fifteen percent increase on impounds. This number was reflected in the number of euthanasias that were up because of the increase on incoming dogs to the shelter. However there was a record number of animals returned to owners this year.

See attached statistical report

Dr. Liz Grauer sent out a letter last year to all the Veterinarians in an attempt to find alternative foster care for the shelter when they are full.

Rick said although he would love to microchip everything that came into the shelter there is still some problems on tracking issues to overcome before it would be a viable solution. Some of the problems mentioned would be that the microchip could be linked or registered to two different owners.

The Advisory board presented Rick Collard with a letter from the City of Vancouver recognizing him for his service in the Community.

## **V. New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 08:30 PM.

## **VII. Hearing Tribunal**

Carol Williams  
Shirley Milar  
Ed Anderson

Resource/ Liaison:

Rick Collord, SW Washington Humane Society  
Tim Jennings, Clark County Animal Protection and Control

